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EXPLANATORY NOTE IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL
DIRECTIVE:

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DIRECTIVE BY THE PRESIDENT ON IMMIGRATION TO THE U.S. OF
CERTAIN GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN SPECIALISTS IN SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY.

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(1) to Mr. Klaus 7-2-46

(See
Revision of Presidential Directive
Rewritten 7-3-46 — (herewith)

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Explanatory Note in Connection With
Proposed Presidential Directive

1. A directive from the President is advisable because of provisions of the immigration laws and regulations and because the procedure proposed requires the cooperation of several agencies. It reduces to writing the oral understanding with the President in Cabinet and it embodies the fundamental provisions of the SWNCC directive relating to Army and Navy exploitation (so-called Appendix "B").

2. The limitation to sixty persons is tentative. The President had proposed--as reported--that the number of persons involved be "a limited few" and the SWNCC directive refers to "a limited number;" dispute has arisen whether this should be interpreted as 1,000 or more (the number of specialists in the American Zone), or as fewer; a definite clarification is essential. Informally the military services recently proposed to submit under Appendix "B" the names of thirty priority cases, of which the Air Forces have so far submitted ten and the others none. The military services have, however, informally discussed submitting a maximum of about 200 cases for exploitation by immigration; but of these it is quite likely no more than sixty will pass the security requirements of the Gossett Bill and similar security provisions of the present immigration laws and regulations.

The directive has, therefore, been drawn on the assumption that the total number will be inserted when
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the investigations within Germany and within the United States have progressed far enough to indicate the number of persons who will qualify for admission as immigrants. The others, it is envisaged, will be treated as temporary visitors or in military custody under an expanded program, analogous to the British exploitation program and permitting the presence of wives and families, etc. An expanded military custody program appears to provide possibilities of a workable and adequate solution to the main problems involved in the proposal for removal of German scientists to the United States.

3. The Visa Division has proposed that the directive be cleared with the Congressional Immigration Committees before submission to the President.

Attachment.

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